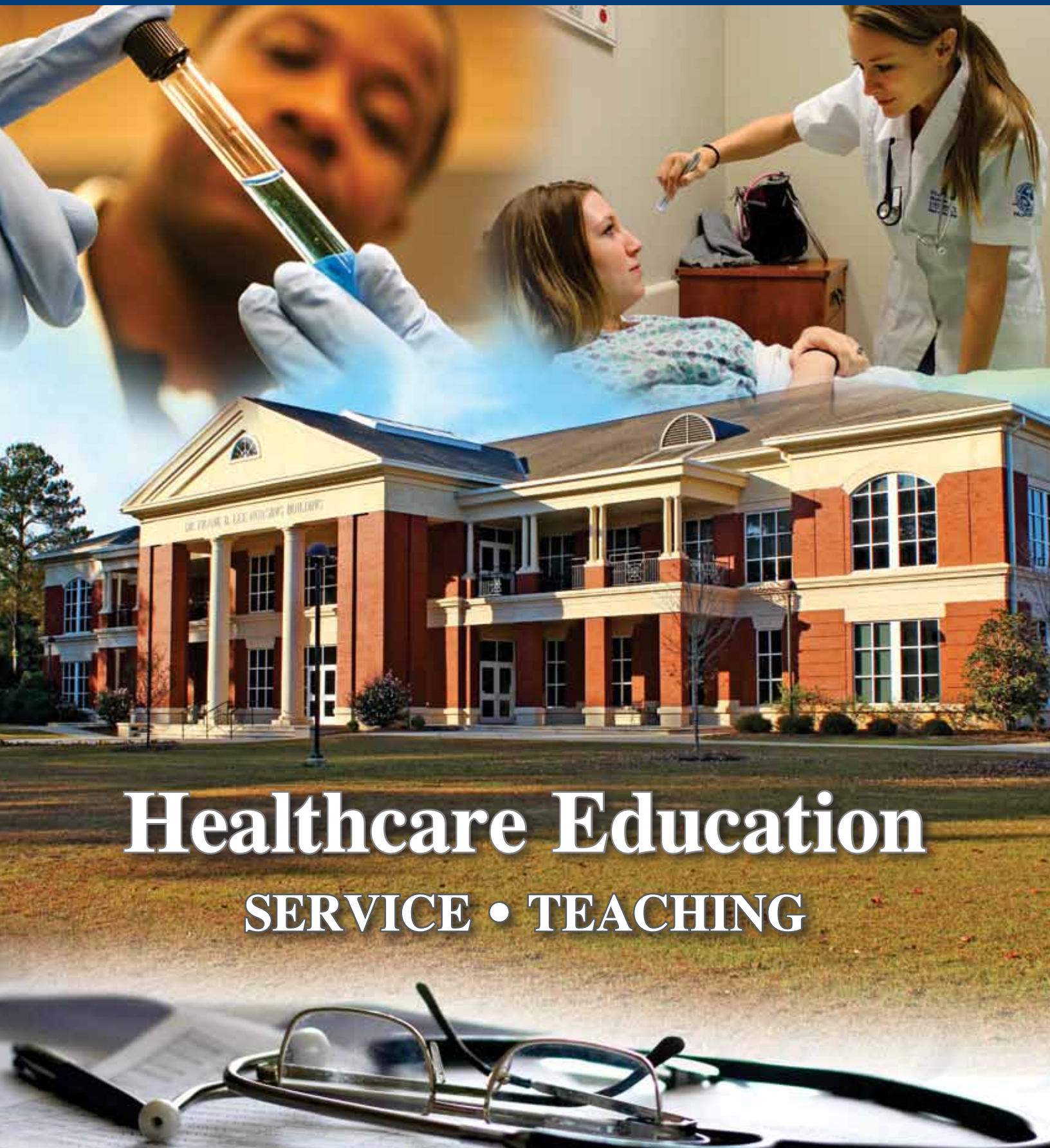


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President Carter

Dear Friends:

As with previous editions of the *VIEW*, this issue focuses on an industry, with its attendant professions, in which the University is achieving recognition as a center of academic and applied expertise. This month, we look at medicine, nursing and health care and examine the degree programs, research and outreach initiatives that FMU is pursuing or will pursue over the next few years. Given our location in the Pee Dee, the geographic area with some of the poorest health indices in the nation, it is essential that we devote a portion of our resources to address the health needs in this region and across South Carolina. Of course, these efforts have been assisted substantially by the generous support provided by the Drs. Bruce & Lee Foundation, McLeod Health, and Carolinas Hospital Systems.

As is frequently the case, we're obligated to tell this story in part by relating the various achievements of a few of the 18,000 FMU alumni who serve their communities continuously. Pardon the partiality, but we're always inclined to boast about the successes of our progeny.

Sincerely,

Luther F. Carter
President

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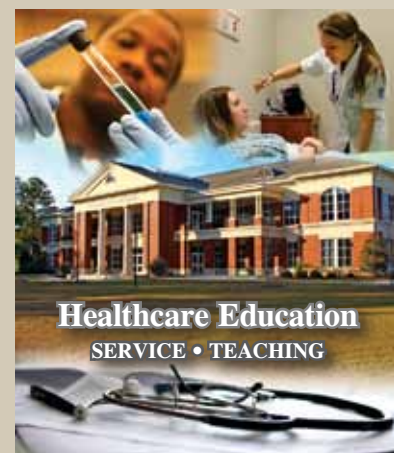
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As the need for quality health care distended in the Pee Dee region over the years, Francis Marion University has become renowned for its unique understanding of the polarities of professional practice. The FMU alumni are filling the void in the health care profession both near and far. Throughout this magazine are profiles of a sampling of our graduates in this field. There are others not mentioned and we would like to tell their stories as well. Please submit those to www.fmarion.edu/alumni.

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Changing the medical profile of South Carolina and beyond...

Whether deliberate or by chance, Francis Marion University alumni are making strides to address health disparities and building bridges that span from research to practice to policy.

FMU graduates are engaged in a broad range of initiatives that seek to address health disparities – locally, nationally and globally. Just recently, there have been more distinct University-wide initiatives to increase faculty collaborations, connect like-minded projects and people, and optimize existing programs and resources in the area of health care. Spanning teaching and practice, FMU seeks to facilitate the translation of research into useful knowledge that can be disseminated and applied in underserved communities throughout the Pee Dee region, the state and around the world.

One recent step in that direction has been action taken by the FMU Board of Trustees to address the state's growing need for quality health care in the Pee Dee region and throughout the state.

The board approved resolutions to establish the Master of Science in Nursing/Nurse Educator Degree Program and one approving the Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Studies Degree Program.

"In rural South Carolina, accessibility to health care is limited severely by an acute shortage of physicians," said FMU President Fred Carter. "These two degree programs will produce nurse practitioners and nurse educators in sufficient numbers to alleviate this problem and enhance the delivery of health care."

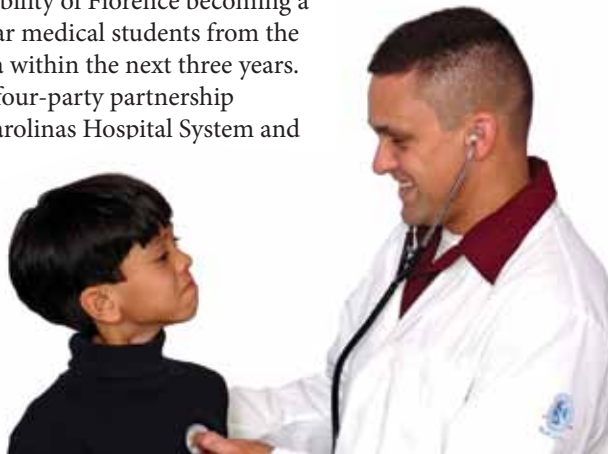
Ventures in Patient Capital

FMU, the University of South Carolina and the Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation brought more than 20 state and area leaders together recently to hear presentations and openly discuss the possibility of Florence becoming a site for third- and fourth-year medical students from the University of South Carolina within the next three years.

The program would be a four-party partnership involving FMU, the USC, Carolinas Hospital System and McLeod Health Regional Medical Center. It would initially involve about 25 students and would cost about \$1 million.

The Medical School concept is the result of a partnership established between the four entities in the fall of 2008, the Pee Dee Health Education

Consortium. Its purpose is to provide a structure for the principals or founding members to collectively identify, enhance and develop graduate and undergraduate health care education opportunities in the Pee Dee in response to the region's health care needs. FMU is the host institution and the main financial and academic agent of the consortium.



Kassab Service Fellowship Program

Healthcare at FMU offers students real world experience for more than a grade. The Advancing Rural Community Health (ARCH) Program coordinates the Kassab Service Fellowships at FMU. These paid fellowships provide opportunities for students to shadow rural community health providers. The program is open to junior and senior students with GPAs of at least 3.0 who are interested in health careers. The purpose of the program is to expose students to the rewards and challenges of rural health care.

Students are matched with a community health provider for a semester and spend six hours a week onsite shadowing that provider. The majority of the sites are in the rural Pee Dee counties of Dillon, Marion, Marlboro, and Williamsburg. Shadowing sites include:

- Doctor's Offices including Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, OB/GYN and General Surgery
- Dentist's Offices
- Community Health Centers
- Free Medical Clinics
- Emergency Departments
- Mental Health Centers
- Substance Abuse Centers
- Disabilities and Special Needs Offices
- Senior Citizens' Centers
- Hospices
- Pharmacies
- Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Assault
- Physical and Occupational Therapy Departments
- ARCH Health Screenings

All students receive a \$1000 stipend and a travel allowance to cover gas. Many students are eligible to receive credit for their fellowships. The fellowship hours may also count toward fulfilling health professional schools' contact hour requirements. The program accepts approximately 25-30 students a semester.

National alumni

TEXAS



Linda Battle

*D.N.P., M.S.N.,
PHCNS-BC*

PROFESSION: Lecturer, Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences at Texas Christian University Dallas/Fort Worth

HIGHER EDUCATION: Adjunct Faculty member at American Sentinel University; Adjunct Faculty Texas Woman's University

EDUCATION:

- Francis Marion University
B.S. in biology/chemistry (1988)
- Columbus State University
B.S.N. (1995)
- East Carolina University
M.S.N. (2001)
- Regis College
D.N.P. (2009)

CAREER INFORMATION:

Board Certified Advanced Practice Nurse specializing in Community/Public Health (PHCNS-BC). Specializes in minority women and children's health. Special interest in primary prevention of HIV/AIDS in communities of color.

WISCONSIN



Nancy S. Fuller
M.D.

PROFESSION: Psychiatrist, Dean Clinic at St. Mary's Hospital

EDUCATION:

- Francis Marion University
B.S. 1997
- Medical University of South Carolina, M.D. (2001)

CAREER INFORMATION:

Residency and Fellowship at Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC, Psychiatry
2007-2008 Studied Forensic Psychiatry at University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES/

ASSOCIATIONS

American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law, American Psychiatric Association

IOWA



Jody R. Murph
M.D., M.S.

PROFESSION: Associate Professor of Pediatrics, University of Iowa Children's Hospital, Department of Pediatrics

EDUCATION:

- Francis Marion College
B.S. (1975)
- Medical University of South Carolina
M.D. (1979)
- University of Iowa
Preventive Medicine and
Environmental Health – M.S. (1985)

CAREER INFORMATION:

Postgraduate Training Residency –
University of Iowa Ambulatory Pediatrics
Fellowship – University of Iowa

CLINICAL SPECIALTIES - Preventative
behavioral issues; emotional health and
development of children and adolescents;
and immunization issues.

RESEARCH INTERESTS - Infectious
diseases among children in child care
centers: incidence and prevention;
cytomegalovirus infections; risk to
children, parents, and child care
center workers; outcome assessment of
congenital cytomegalovirus infection; and
vaccine development.

NORTH CAROLINA



Thomas C. Register
Ph.D.

PROFESSION: Associate Professor,
Pathology - Comparative Medicine, Wake
Forest School of Medicine

EDUCATION:

- Francis Marion University
B.S. (1978), B.S. (1979)
- University of South Carolina
Ph.D. (1985)
- WFU School of Medicine
Fellowship (1988)

CAREER INFORMATION:

RESEARCH INTERESTS - Genetics/
genome, osteoporosis, radiology/imaging,
women's health issues

CLINICAL SPECIALTIES: Hormone
replacement therapy and menopause,
atherosclerosis, imaging, endocrine/
menopausal management, osteoporosis

OUTREACH: FMU to offer four-year nursing degree to CCTC students this fall

As an ongoing effort to go where the need is, FMU will offer four-year nursing degrees to the students of Central Carolina Technical College (CCTC).

In an ongoing effort to export its programs across the state, Francis Marion University (FMU) recently announced its presence at Central Carolina Technical College (CCTC).

FMU will provide the four-year, baccalaureate nursing program beginning this fall on the CCTC campus. This innovative option will allow individuals who already have an associate degree in nursing from CCTC to seek the Bachelor of Science in nursing through the FMU RN (Registered Nursing) to BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing) program.

"We look forward to moving to the Sumter area and collaborating with Central Carolina," said FMU President Dr. Fred Carter. "Dr. (Tim) Hardee (President of CCTC) and I feel strongly that this is the beginning of a long-term commitment between the two institutions. I told him at our first meeting that our students have the same aspirations and expectations as your students, and that's what will make our relationship with Central Carolina such a natural fit."



From left; Hardee, Carter and Chapman

ARCH Health Screenings



Dr. DeMarco checking patient's blood pressure

The ARCH (Advancing Rural Community Health) Program was established in 2007 by FMU to provide students with service learning opportunities in community health fields. One such opportunity is the ARCH Health Screening Program. FMU's director of community health, Paul DeMarco, M.D., leads the screening team. It is composed of five to seven students enrolled in majors leading to careers in the health professions such as medicine, nursing, pharmacy, mental health, and social work. The team travels weekly to sites in Dillon, Marion, Marlboro, and Williamsburg counties as an outreach to some of the Pee Dee's most underserved rural communities.

HopeHealth and FMU

HopeHealth and Francis Marion University are now operating a satellite office on FMU's campus. At the end of February 2011, Dr. Paul DeMarco, FMU's director of Rural Community Health Programs, began accepting HopeHealth patients at the new office located in the FMU Education Foundation building.

"Our volume of new patients consistently grows, and FMU has offered us an ideal opportunity to accommodate these patients quickly and with the same attention and compassion they receive at our main site," said Carl Humphries, chief executive officer at HopeHealth. More than 2,300 new patients chose HopeHealth as their health care home in 2011, and demand continues to grow.



Research – Students and Faculty provide health care around the world



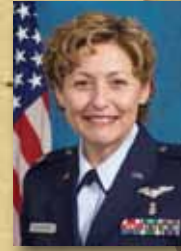
Marty Hucks from the Department of Nursing checks the ears of a woman in Belize.

Professors and students continue to search for answers to age-old medical questions through the research project, "Healthcare Around the World." Students who participate in this project have matriculated to the junior year of study and have completed all general education requirements of FMU. In addition they have completed courses in the nursing major to

ensure an understanding of safe nursing practice and at least a general knowledge of cultural competency, globalization, and leadership. Students are indoctrinated to the FMU Department of Nursing's mission to prepare graduates to function competently as caring, professional nurses in a variety of health care settings. Professors have inculcated in the student the value of lifelong learning and should be able to appreciate this experience as opportunity towards fulfilling that goal. The course itself prepares the student to compare and contrast different health care systems with that of the U.S. and examine and apply transcultural-nursing theory to provide culturally sensitive nursing care and discuss the means by which the cultural values of a system may be observed. Approximately one month prior to graduation, students write a paper that applies transcultural-nursing theory to a clinical situation. Some class time is devoted to learning to communicate in the language of the country in order to provide for basic needs and to handle foreign currency. Students apply for and obtain passports and any required/recommended vaccinations.

As the demographic picture of the United States is currently undergoing a dramatic shift and as health and illness are inherently defined through one's culture, nurses in the future will need to be well-versed in applying culturally sensitive nursing care. Research shows that emersion programs that enable nursing students to live and study briefly in another country are able to achieve this, as well as to promote critical thinking and maturity and to enhance the development of leadership abilities. The American health care system itself is presently undergoing historic change, where nursing leadership is desperately needed to help steer the course. Providing today's students with exposure to other cultures and health care delivery systems is a means of positioning future nurses to become these leaders.

GEORGIA



Col. Joann Y. Richardson

PROFESSION: Commander of the 78th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, 78th Medical Group, Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

EDUCATION:

- Francis Marion University
B.S. chemistry (1985)
- U.S. Air Force
Commission (1993)
- East Carolina University
School of Medicine (1993)

CAREER INFORMATION:

Following medical school, Lt. Col. Richardson completed her internship and residency in Pediatrics at David Grant Medical Center, 60th Medical Group, 60th AMW, Travis AFB, Calif. She then served as a pediatrician at 4th Medical Group, 4th FW, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C. Richardson was subsequently selected for fellowship training in Pediatric Infectious Disease at National Capitol Consortium, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) in Bethesda, Md.

During the fellowship, she also received a master's degree in public health at USUHS. Upon completion of fellowship training, she served as a pediatric infectious disease physician at David Grant Medical Center, 60th Medical Group, 60th AMW, Travis AFB, Calif. In 2006, she was selected to serve as the chief of the medical staff for 51st Medical Group, 51st Fighter Wing, Osan AB, Republic of Korea.

She attended the Primary Aerospace Medicine course in 2007 and returned to 51st Medical Group as flight commander for Flight Medicine. In 2009, she completed her Aerospace Medicine Residency training and, in 2010, her General Preventive Medicine Residency training -- both at USAFSAM. She is a chief physician and flight surgeon, board certified in pediatrics, pediatric infectious disease, aerospace medicine, and general preventive medicine.

If you know an FMU alum working in health care, submit their stories on www.fmariion.edu/alumni

SOUTH CAROLINA



Rebecca I. Coleman
PharmD

PROFESSION: Pharmacist Colonial
Family Practice

EDUCATION:

- Francis Marion University
B.S. biology
- Medical University of South Carolina
Doctor of Pharmacy

CAREER INFORMATION:

Won the Glaxo-Smith Kline Patient
Care Award

TENNESSEE



Joseph M. Rothwell
M.D.

PROFESSION: Surgeon, LeConte
Medical Center

EDUCATION:

- Francis Marion University
B.S. biology (1981)
- Medical University Of South Carolina

CAREER INFORMATION:

Breast Cancer Surgery
Laparoscopic Surgery

SOUTH CAROLINA



Jason Lee
O.D.

PROFESSION: Optometrist

EDUCATION:

- Francis Marion University
B.S. economics, summa cum laude
(1997)
- University of Alabama at Birmingham
School of Optometry with internships
Doctor of Optometry degree with
honors (2002)

CAREER INFORMATION:

Entered private practice in Columbia,
S.C. In 2003, moved to Florence
and joined Palmetto Vision Center.
Member of the American Optometric
Association, South Carolina Optometric
Physicians Association, and the Pee Dee
Area Optometric Society.

Dillon County Free Medical Clinic Opens



Ribbon cutting ceremony for the Dillon Free Clinic

By Betsy Finklea

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The Dillon County Free Medical Clinic held its grand opening on Tuesday.

The clinic will provide complete, confidential, routine medical care to the county's working uninsured poor between the ages of 19-64. The clinic will be by appointment only and will be open two evenings a week. Emergency care will be referred to the hospital, and walk-ins will not be allowed.

Local volunteers - doctors, nurses, etc. from Dillon County and the surrounding area - will provide the medical care.

"The Dillon County Free Medical Clinic is a faith based, non-profit organization committed to providing non-emergency medical care to the uninsured residents of Dillon County with dignity, respect, and Christian love," said Rev. Ernest Barrentine, chairman of the Dillon County Free Medical Clinic Board and RALI Dillon County Board member.

"In a county where nearly a third on the population live at or below the poverty level and nearly a quarter are uninsured, this clinic will provide a much needed service to our residents," said Barrentine, who thanked all who made this possible.

Dr. Paul Freel, Medical Director of the Dillon County Free Medical Clinic, said the clinic was a reflection of the spirit of the community and the county.

Others who spoke were Leslie Grubb, executive director of the clinic; Debbie Locklair, administrator of McLeod-Dillon; Pat Laird, RALI-Dillon County chairperson; and Dr. Richard Chapman, provost, Francis Marion University. Dr. Greg Hyler, pastor of Mount Calvary Baptist Church and Dillon County Free Medical Clinic Board member, and Rev. Dr. Eugen "Buddy" Bach, pastor of Latta Presbyterian Church and Kentyre Presbyterian Church, also participated in the program. A ribbon cutting was held following the ceremony.

The Dillon County Free Medical Clinic is located at 310 East Washington St., Dillon.

In early of 2007 Francis Marion University was approached by the PSARAS Foundation of Columbia, S.C., who expressed interest to the University about developing a program to work with its rural neighbors in leadership and capacity building. The creation of the Rural Area Leadership Initiative was the result and the first of 3 pilot counties were chosen, which were Marion County (20 participants), Marlboro County (18 participants) and Williamsburg County (15 participants). In fall of 2008, Dillon County was added with twenty-six participants.

A learning experience that is out of this world!

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For the past three years, Francis Marion University has been involved in a unique and life-changing learning program that partners with the Iditarod Education Department in Anchorage, Alaska. Since 2010, Dr. Lynn Hanson, director of the FMU Professional Writing Program, has sent three Professional Writing interns and one class representative to Anchorage, Alaska, to promote and develop the Iditarod Experiential Learning Program (IELP).

Many FMU students have never traveled abroad or even out of the state. The climate and culture of Alaska is so different to that of South Carolina the experience can be compared to traveling to a different country. "Until you go there, it's not only a foreign land, it's a foreign concept. It's like sending students to the moon for an experience that is out of this world!" says Hanson.

The IELP helps students learn necessary life skills in a unique approach. Students increase their interest in learning by participating in lessons about the experience of a musher, a person who competes in cross-country races with dog team and sled. Students develop language, science, and mathematics skills and also learn culture, geography, and history in a new and interactive way.



Hanson

The Iditarod Race has been introduced in numerous classrooms throughout the United States by way of the IELP. Many educators take part in the program to make learning and teaching easier. The FMU Professional Writing Interns collaborate with the Iditarod Education Department's director, Diane Johnson, to effectively promote and develop the IELP to reach



Students Cotrena Hill and Kerrie Bethel in Alaska

educators across the globe. This internship prepares students for professional situations and projects, sharpens their writing skills, aids in coursework development, business and technical communication skills, methods of problem solving, and critical thinking.

Some of the specific tasks that interns work on during their internship include:

- Promoting the Teacher's Conference through media relations
- Revising evaluation and comment forms for teachers to complete
- Conducting primary and secondary research for articles
- Proofreading and editing publications
- Developing graphics, taking and editing photographs, and integrating all into publications
- Creating usable documents.

Through this internship, students gain first-hand experience by living, studying, and practicing another's culture. The Iditarod offers a perfect environment that is full of excitement, determination, and life lessons that can be used not only in Alaska, but at FMU as well as the workplace.

This internship takes the student out of the classroom and places them in a totally different environment. These challenges encourage alternative ways of living and learning. Unique tasks will test student's determination providing opportunities they never thought they could complete, and may set higher goals for success upon returning home.

A new awareness of one's capabilities can change one's career goals. "The experience can change your path, and it really did change mine. Every day there was a new experience that taught me how important communication is," said Kerrie Bethel, class representative who participated in the program during Spring Break of 2011.

To become involved in the program, contact Lynn Hanson at lhanson@fmarion.edu



Iditarod starting line

Photos are courtesy of Diane Johnson, Kelly Gaskins and Jeff Schultz.

FMU stuns Gamecocks 5-4 in stadium opener

The Francis Marion University baseball team was not only able to marshal a victory over the Gamecocks on the evening of April 11, but they did so in style as they opened their new stadium. The stadium is a component of the state-of-the-art, \$11.1 million Griffin Athletic Complex. The 29 acre venue includes the Clifford S. Cornell Field at Sparrow Stadium for baseball, FMU Softball Field, Murray G. Hartzler Field for soccer, Marion "Spyder" Webb Plaza, Michael G. Hawkins Pressbox, and the five-acre Coleman Lake.

Twentieth-ranked Francis Marion University plated all its runs with two outs, and the Patriots held on for a 5-4 win over ninth-ranked and two-time defending NCAA Division I champion South Carolina, Wednesday evening (April 11) at the opening of the new Cornell Field at Sparrow Stadium.

Francis Marion improves to 27-13 and avenges in a way an earlier christening loss against USC (24-10). The Gamecocks rallied for a 5-3 win on March 5, 1974, at the official dedication of the Patriots' former facility, "old" Cornell Field.

Wednesday, FMU sophomore right-hander Jeffrey Stoner induced a sharp line-out to right field by USC pinch-hitter Sean Sullivan for the final out with the tying run on second base to send the capacity crowd of 1,755 into a frenzy.

The victory was the 400th at FMU for Patriot head coach Art Inabinet, now in his 12th season as head coach.

Junior first baseman Stephen Tarkenton was 2-for-3 with a pair of runs batted in, while sophomore third baseman Michael Wilson and junior right fielder Jarrod Reed both collected a pair of hits.

Junior first baseman Christian Walker led South Carolina with a 3-for-4 night that included an RBI single and a mammoth 372-foot solo homer to left field.

Francis Marion broke up the scoreless contest with three runs in the bottom of the third. After South Carolina starter Adam Westmoreland (2-1) retired the first two batters of the inning,

Wilson singled to left center. Senior outfielder Tyler Boyd extended his hitting streak to 11 games with a bunt single to the left of the mound.

Junior second baseman Tyler Hibbs plated the first run at the new stadium with an RBI single to center field.

The Patriots Baseball Team after their big win.

Senior

center fielder Buddy

Sosnoskie followed with a run-scoring single to left center, and he took second on the unsuccessful throw to third. After a pitching change by USC, Hibbs scored the third run on a wild pitch by Patrick Sullivan.

Walker got one run back with his solo shot in the top of the fourth. An RBI single up the middle by catcher Dante Rosenberg drew South Carolina to within 3-2 in the fifth. However with the tying run at second base, FMU senior southpaw Matt Broderick (6-1) got the third out by covering first on a ball that eluded Tarkenton at first and was flagged down by Hibbs in the hole between first and second.

Broderick limited the Gamecocks to two runs on four hits in five frames, while striking out three and walking one. Junior Patriot righty Don Sandifer then held the Gamecocks at bay with two scoreless and hitless innings.

FMU added a pair of two-out runs in the seventh to go up 5-2. Wilson reached on a fielder's choice grounder, stole second, and moved to third after back-to-back walks to Hibbs and Sosnoskie. Tarkenton then poked an 0-1 pitch from Evan Beal up the middle to plate Wilson and Hibbs.

Walker's run-scoring single in the top of the eighth cut the margin to 5-3, but Stoner stranded two runners by fanning Joey Pankake. In the ninth, pinch hitter Kyle Martin got the Gamecocks to within 5-4 with an RBI groundout, but Stoner got the final out to earn his second save of 2012.





Six honored at athletic complex dedication

Francis Marion University officials formally dedicated Griffin Athletic Complex recently.

John Sparrow, benefactor; Gerald R. Griffin, retired FMU athletic director; William W. Coleman Jr., member of the FMU Board of Trustees; Murray G. Hartzler, FMU director of athletics; Michael G. Hawkins, associate athletic director; and "Spyder" Webb, athletic trainer, were honored at the Griffin Athletic Complex Dedication Ceremony.

Honorees were as follows:

John Sparrow, philanthropist (Sparrow Stadium): Partner, Sparrow & Kennedy Tractor Company. Through the years, the Sparrow family has supported FMU through scholarships and endowed faculty chairs. Their gift in memory of Henry Booker Sparrow and Nellie Cooke Sparrow is a further example of their dedication to FMU and will provide a state-of-the-art facility for student-athletes and the community for generations to come.

Gerald R. Griffin, retired FMU athletic director (Griffin Athletic Complex): FMU baseball coach, 1972-2000. FMU athletic director, 1973-2000. 730 career victories, 22 seasons with 20-plus wins. Led FMU athletics through transition from NAIA to NCAA and program grew from 7 to 14 teams.

W. Coleman, FMU trustee, (Lake Coleman): Partner in Coleman & Wise Commercial Realty, founding CEO of Florence County National Bank. 1971 FMU graduate, B.S. Education. Member of the FMU Board of Trustees, 1988-present, two terms as chair. Member of FMU Foundation Board, 1988-present. FMU Distinguished Alumnus, 1991-92. Serves on numerous community boards and committees.

Murray Hartzler, FMU athletic director (Hartzler Soccer Field): FMU soccer coach, 1994-2006. FMU athletic director, 2000-present. Served 23 seasons as head coach at collegiate level. Under his leadership, FMU student-athletes consistently excel academically and athletically, with high grade point averages and post-season competitions. During his tenure as athletic director, the men's golf and women's soccer programs moved to NCAA Division I status.

Michael G. Hawkins, associate athletic director (Hawkins Press Box): FMU sports information director, 1985-present. Associate athletic director, 2006-present. 1985 FMU graduate with B.S. in Mathematics. Has earned the respect of colleagues, peers and media throughout the state and conference. A long-time Patriot, Michael's father was a founding member of the FMU faculty.

Marion "Spyder" Webb, athletic trainer (Webb Plaza): FMU head athletic trainer, 1976-present. Florence native, graduated from FMU in 1978 with a B.S. in Political Science. Has mentored thousands of athletes through the decades and works with the Seattle Mariners during the summer.



Sparrow



Coleman



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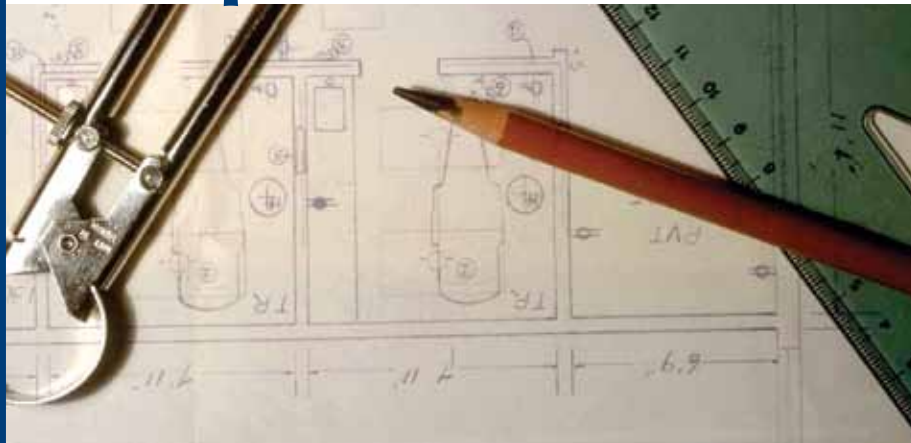
Hartzler



Hawkins



Webb



FMU trustees approve new nursing and pharmacy programs

The Francis Marion University Board of Trustees took action recently to address the state's growing shortage of nurse educators and improve access to quality health care in the Pee Dee region and throughout the state.

During its quarterly meeting, the board approved resolutions to establish the Master of Science in Nursing/Nurse Educator Degree Program and one approving the Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Studies Degree Program.

"In rural South Carolina, accessibility to health care is limited severely by an acute shortage of physicians," said FMU President Fred Carter. "These two degree programs will produce nurse practitioners and nurse educators in sufficient numbers to alleviate this problem and enhance the delivery of health care."

The Master of Science in Nursing/Nurse Educator Degree Program is designed to give graduates with advanced nursing knowledge an additional nursing education focus. The proposed date of implementation is spring semester 2013.

The Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Studies Degree Program will provide students with an introduction to the major areas of the pharmaceutical sciences as well as a general education.

In other business, the board approved a resolution for the naming of Lake Coleman. The boot-shaped, five-acre lake is named in honor of William W. Coleman of Florence.

Affectionately referred to as "W", Coleman has served as an alumnus, friend, supporter, advocate and trustee since the school's inception. Coleman is one of the longest serving trustees in the history of the university.

In addition, the trustees unanimously approved a resolution for the adjustment of the information technology fee over a three-year period.

In the president's report, Carter gave an update concerning the following: Griffin Athletic Complex construction; opening of Wildsumaco Biological Station on the east slope of the Andes in Ecuador; tuition and accountability based funding; budget priorities; the Marion Medallion; plans to offer a physician's assistant program; and the university's strategic plan.

In addition, Carter unveiled plans of the University to offer a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering. Over the next two years, the University will develop the relevant curriculum, hire faculty, and pursue the necessary approvals within the University, from the Commission on Higher Education, and from the accrediting entities.

AAFSC held annual gala

Francis Marion University's African-American Faculty and Staff Coalition (AAFSC) recently held its 11th annual scholarship gala.

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The keynote speaker for the gala was FMU Alum Stacey Brayboy ('94), chief of staff for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS).

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This year's award was presented to Angela Crosland, Director of Communications in the Office of Public and Community Affairs.

FMU's Model UN Delegation earns national recognition

Francis Marion University's Model United Nations delegation won a Distinguished Delegation Award at the 2012 National Model UN Conference held in New York City recently. FMU was one of 25 universities honored as a "Distinguished Delegation," which is the second highest award given at the conference.

FMU's delegation represented Seychelles at this year's conference. This is the third award the team has received since it began six years ago.

The 2012 delegation members are: Jacob Byrd of Mullins; Jonathan Cowan of Florence; Casey Durham of Waldorf, Md.; Kiley Lockamy of Little Rock; Nancy Reading of Sumter; and Dana Wright of Florence.

The faculty advisors are Dr. Scott Kaufman, history professor and codirector of the McNair Center, and Dr. David White, chair of the Department of Political Science and Geography.

Baxley, IGA executives first to receive Marion Medallion



Heyward King, Kathy Baxley and Henry Johnson were honored to receive the Marion Medallion.

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Lake City businessmen Henry Johnson and Heyward King, and Kathy Baxley, executive director of the 12 year-old Darlington Free Medical Clinic, were honored as recipients of the first Marion Medallion, a new regional award for community service.

Baxley, Johnson and King were presented the award during a ceremony at the Francis Marion Performing Arts Center. The Medallion is a joint project of Francis Marion University and the *Morning News*.

Baxley was recognized for more than a decade of service to the clinic that her husband, the late Dr. Luke "Buddy" Baxley, helped to found. She became executive director of the clinic in 2002, two years after it was founded, and has presided over an expansion of services that includes a second location in Hartsville (the original facility is in Darlington). The clinic has seen more than 28,000 patients since its inception and is now a critical component of the Darlington area's social services safety net.

King and Johnson are the chief executives of Lake City-based W. Lee Flowers Co., which owns and operates some 200 IGA grocery stores across the Carolinas and into Georgia. King is CEO and chairman of the board; Johnson is president. Their fathers were early employees of the company's namesake founder whom Johnson said started things with "one employee and a mule."

While their Flowers/IGA concern is a prominent Pee Dee business — the company's headquarters reside in a large complex on U.S. 52 in Scranton — King and Johnson's considerable ongoing contributions to the community are less visible. But those who know say the impact of that work is on a similar scale to the two men's business dealings.

King, Johnson and IGA are among the Pee Dee's leading philanthropists, donating considerable sums to a variety of local causes on a regular basis. More importantly, they have long operated their business in a way that serves the community. IGA encourages charitable works among its employees, strives to hire from within the area, and uses local vendors even when larger, national suppliers might save a nickel or two. The company has also continued to operate stores in small towns throughout the Pee Dee that otherwise would not have a full-service grocery store. The intent of the new award is to recognize residents of the Pee Dee who have made "substantial contributions to the well-being of the region." The Medallion's mission statement also notes that the criteria for the award "are deliberately quite broad based. Eligible recipients must have contributed in a significant manner to the well-being of the citizens in one or more of the counties in the Pee Dee."

The award is selected by a panel of executives from the *Morning News* and FMU. It is named, of course, for General Francis Marion, the Revolutionary War hero who sacrificed for his region and his country.

Campus News

FMU Performing Arts Center honored with two top architectural awards



FMU Performing Arts Center



Lobby and stairs

The Francis Marion University Performing Arts Center (PAC) has been recognized by two organizations for its architecture and for the innovative use of sustainable material.

The U.S. Institute for Theatre Technology (USITT) recognized the PAC with one of its highest distinctions, the Architecture Award, while the Marble Institute of America selected the new venue as a recipient of a Pinnacle Award for the sustainable use of marble in the project design and construction.

"We know the PAC is a world class facility. It appears as though the architectural and building associations are discovering it as well," said FMU President Fred Carter. "We're very proud of these awards."

USITT is a prominent leader of theatre and entertainment design, management, and technology

through its conferences, exhibitions, awards, publications, and research. The Institute issues a variety of awards to honor individuals and organizations, and this year recognized the PAC. Since 1994, USITT's Architecture Awards have provided public and professional recognition for contemporary architectural projects. Past award winners hail from England, Germany, Japan, California, New York, and all points between.

The highly coveted Pinnacle Awards are given to projects whose beauty, creativity, ingenuity, and craftsmanship exemplify professional mastery in the use of natural stone in commercial and residential environments.

The architectural firm responsible for the design of the PAC is Holzman Moss Bottino of New York, in association with FW Architects Inc. of Florence.

FMU celebrated General Francis Marion Memorial Day

Francis Marion University celebrated the life and legacy of its namesake on Feb. 27, with a unique exhibition displayed in James A. Rogers Library.

The event commemorated the life of the Revolutionary War leader for whom the S.C. General Assembly five years ago designated this special date – the anniversary of his death Feb. 27, 1795. Maps and books from the library's Special Collections were on display in the reference area on the first floor of the library.

The Special Collections is located in the Arundel Room on the second floor. Included in this collection is the Francis Marion Congressional Military Commission.

In 2006, FMU obtained the document that commissioned Francis Marion as lieutenant colonel in the Second South Carolina Regiment of the U.S. Army in 1776. It was purchased from Charleston attorney C. Allen Gibson Jr., a descendant of the military leader's relative, Rebecca Marion.

Francis Marion (c. 1732-1795), for whom the University is named, was a partisan leader in the American Revolution, nicknamed "the Swamp Fox" by the British, and is one of South Carolina's best remembered Patriots. "Bloody" Banastre Tarleton tagged Francis Marion that "wily ole' fox of the swamps" in about 1781, giving rise to Marion's legend as the master of strategy -- never caught, rarely followed, yet seemingly always at hand, just when needed by the partisans.



Shermer presented Hunter Lecture in Literature at FMU



Shermer

Dr. Michael Shermer, skeptic and distinguished scholar, presented the Jones Thomas and Carolyn Stroman Hunter Chair in English Literature lecture at Francis Marion University in the spring of 2012. Shermer is also founding publisher of *Skeptic* magazine, the executive director of the Skeptics Society, a monthly columnist for *Scientific American*, the host of the Skeptics Distinguished Science Lecture Series at Caltech, and adjunct professor at Claremont Graduate University.

Shermer's latest book is "The Mind of the Market" on evolutionary economics. His last book was "Why Darwin Matters: Evolution and the Case Against Intelligent Design," and he is the author of "Science Friction: Where the Known Meets the Unknown," about how the mind works and how thinking goes

wrong. His book, "The Science of Good and Evil: Why People Cheat, Gossip, Share Care, and Follow the Golden Rule," is on the evolutionary origins of morality and how to be good without God. He wrote a biography, "In Darwin's Shadow," about the life and science of the codiscoverer of natural selection, Alfred Russel Wallace. He also wrote, "The Borderlands of Science" about the fuzzy land between science and pseudoscience, and "Denying History" on Holocaust denial and other forms of pseudo-history. His book, "How We Believe: Science, Skepticism, and the Search for God," presents his theory on the origins of religion and why people believe in God. He is also the author of "Why People Believe Weird Things" on pseudoscience, superstitions, and other confusions of our time.

Shermer received his B.A. in Psychology from Pepperdine University, M.A. in Experimental Psychology from California State University (Fullerton) and his Ph.D. in the History of Science from Claremont Graduate University (1991). He was a college professor for 20 years (1979–1998), teaching psychology, evolution, and the history of science at Occidental College (1989–1998), California State University (Los Angeles), and Glendale College. Since his creation of the Skeptics Society, *Skeptic* magazine, and the Skeptics Distinguished Science Lecture Series at Caltech, he has appeared on such shows as The Colbert Report, 20/20, Dateline, Charlie Rose, Larry King Live, Tom Snyder, Donahue, Oprah, Leeza, Unsolved Mysteries and other shows as a skeptic of weird and extraordinary claims, as well as interviews in countless documentaries aired on PBS, A&E, Discovery, The History Channel, The Science Channel, and The Learning Channel. Shermer was the cohost and coproducer of the 13 hour Family Channel television series, Exploring the Unknown.

The Hunter Chair in English Literature funds two lectures per year. The Jones Thomas and Carolyn Stroman Hunter Chair in English Literature at FMU was established in 1991 by three sisters - Dorothy Hunter Thames Ellis, Adelle Hunter West, and Hattie Costa Hunter King - as a memorial to their parents, Jones Thomas and Carolyn Stroman Hunter.

Hunter lived in Marion County, was once mayor of Marion, contributed to many different organizations throughout the Pee Dee area, and operated a successful Ford dealership in Florence for 40 years. Mrs. Hunter came to Marion as a school teacher, was active in church work and taught Sunday School for more than 50 years. She was a charter member of several literary clubs, garden clubs, and community organizations.

FMU Coalition held annual scholarship gala



Brayboy

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For the third year, the AAFSC Diversity Award was presented to an FMU faculty or staff member who has made noteworthy efforts to promote and foster diversity.

"We invite the public to join us in celebrating diversity and honoring an employee who upholds the University's vision to promote diversity and inclusion in creative and collaborative ways," said Yvonne Davis, President of the AAFSC.

Campus News

Center of Excellence held Summer Institute

The Center of Excellence to Prepare Teachers of Children of Poverty at Francis Marion University held its summer institute featuring education experts Dr. H.E. "Doc" Holliday (June 12) and Dr. Barbara Blackburn (June 13).

Holliday has been a building principal for parts of four different decades (1970-2000) in Ohio and Georgia at the middle- and high-school levels. He earned his Ph.D. in educational leadership from Ohio State University and has served as a classroom teacher (rural) and as principal of both middle and high schools. He has been an assistant superintendent for school improvement for the Cobb County Public School District as well as chief of staff for the Atlanta Public Schools.

Holliday is currently an assistant professor at Kennesaw State University in Georgia, after serving as the principal of a formerly low-performing middle school in Atlanta, Ga.

Blackburn has taught early childhood, elementary, middle, and high school students and has served as an educational consultant for three publishing companies. She holds the master's degree in school administration and is certified as both a teacher and a school principal in North Carolina. She received her Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at

Greensboro. She recently left her position at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte to write and speak full-time.

In addition to speaking at state and national conferences, she also regularly presents workshops for teachers and administrators in elementary, middle, and high schools.

The COE Summer Institute is designed to provide participants with practical, research-based information focusing on the needs and abilities of children of poverty.



Holliday at the COE Summer Institute



V-Week clothesline

FMU hosted "Vagina Monologues"

Students, faculty and staff took on Eve Ensler's award-winning play, *The Vagina Monologues*, to promote gender, domestic violence and sexual assault awareness, and raise money for the Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

The University in conjunction with the Gender Awareness Committee, Gender Studies Program, and the Fine Arts Program hosted the fifth annual V-Day/V-Week events.

A poignant and humorous tour of the ultimate forbidden zone, *The Vagina Monologues*, is a celebration of female sexuality in all its complexity and mystery. In the stunning phenomenon that has swept the nation, Ensler gives real women's stories of intimacy, vulnerability and sexual self-discovery.

"Based on interviews with more than 200 women about their memories and experiences of sexuality, the play gives voice to women's deepest fantasies and fears," said FMU English Professor Rebecca Flannagan, an organizer of the event. "It's hilarious, empowering, radical and just a really good time."

This year's "V-Day" events featured student panels, a myriad of other activities, and was part of the "V-Day" event celebrated during this time of year at colleges and universities worldwide.

Degrees awarded at May commencement exercises

Three-hundred-thirty nine degrees, 322 undergraduate degrees and 17 graduate degrees, were awarded during commencement exercises at Francis Marion University in May.

Honorary Doctor of Humanities degrees were

conferred upon FMU Faculty Chair and Professor Dr. D. Keith Best of Florence; health care practitioner Dr. John L. Bruce Jr. of Florence; and U.S. Ambassador (Ret.) Joseph H. Melrose Jr. of Collegeville, Pa. Best delivered the commencement address.

A native of Valdosta, Ga., Best arrived at FMU in 1993 upon earning the Master of Fine Arts in Theatre at the University of Louisville in 1993 and the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre from Valdosta State University in 1986.

For the past four years he has served as chair of the faculty at FMU. Best was a member of the faculty senate for 11 years prior to serving as secretary and vice-chairman of the senate. President of the local chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) from 2004-2008, he has also served on more than 20 University committees. Best received the Charlene Wages Shared Governance Award in 2005 for his commitment to the principles of shared governance between the faculty, administration and the Board of Trustees.

Best has performed professionally and has maintained a strong artistic presence in the community, frequently appearing in local productions. He also directs and appears in University productions and is an accomplished playwright. He serves on the executive board of the Florence Regional Arts Alliance and as Treasurer for the S.C. Theatre Association.

A native of Florence, Bruce is the son of Dr. John L. Bruce and Janie F. Bruce. He graduated from Wofford College in 1973 with a Bachelor of Science in biology and from the Medical University of South Carolina's (MUSC) College of Pharmacy in 1976 with a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy. He received his Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.) from MUSC's College of Dentistry in 1982.

In the community, he has served on the boards of trustees of All Saints' Episcopal Day School and Bruce Hospital System. Bruce currently serves as a member of Carolinas



Best



Bruce



Melrose

Hospital System Advisory Board, and The Drs. Bruce & Lee Foundation Board of Trustees as vice chairman and a member of the grants committee.

Married to Emma Dennis Walters, the couple has three daughters: Elizabeth Blanton, Dr. Kaki Bruce, and Martha Bruce.

A native of Philadelphia, Pa., Melrose served as the acting U.S. Representative for Management and Reform at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations. He serves as the Ambassador in Residence and Professor of International Relations at Ursinus College in Collegeville, Pa. Prior to joining the mission, he served as a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Department of State for more than three decades, including service as U.S. Ambassador to Sierra Leone. Melrose has served in Vietnam, in Syria, as Consul General in Karachi, Pakistan, and as Deputy Chief of Mission in Nigeria. He has also held a wide range of domestic positions.

In 1966, Melrose earned the Bachelor of Arts degree from Ursinus College and the Master of Arts degree from Temple University in 1969. He received an honorary degree in Democratic and Human Rights studies from Hilla University in Iraq and an honorary Doctor of Laws from Ursinus College. He has also studied at the University of Michigan under a National Science Foundation program.

His awards include Ursinus College's H. Lloyd Jones Award for distinguished advising and mentoring, the U.S. Department of State's Distinguished Honor Award and Superior Honor Award, the U.S. Department of State's Secretary of State's Career Achievement Award, and the Presidential Distinguished Service Award. He also received the World Islamic Federation, the Award of Merit from the World Islamic Federation, and the Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts of America.

FMU's Zahnd discussed similarities of sexual assault and 9/11 attacks



Zahnd

On Sept. 11, 2001, the world changed. The occasion is a reminder that the world will always be full of suffering, but it's also full of the overcoming of it.

FMU French Professor Dr. Elizabeth Zahnd spoke on the connection between the 9/11 attacks and sexual assaults at the Humanities and Social Science Symposium at FMU recently.

Zahnd's presentation will consist of readings from a book called "Compter jusqu'à cent" (English translation - Count to One Hundred), which was written by Melanie Gelin, a French Canadian author. The novel was written in French, but Zahnd read the English version that she translated.

Zahnd's specialty is 20th Century literature. She was introduced to the novel when she was conducting research on French language novels. An evolution in her research led her to 21st Century literature and novels about the attacks on 9/11.

She chose to speak on this novel because she believes its content is relevant to college students. According to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center an estimated 22 percent of all rape victims are between the ages of 18 to 24. The novel she is reading from is the story of a sexual assault victim, written from the perspective of a 19 year-old victim.

"Each chapter is like a beautiful poem," Zahnd said. "I will read the passages in which I preserved the integrity of the writing the most."

Zahnd is a professor of Modern Languages and French Program coordinator at FMU. She earned the B.A. in French and Foreign Service from Baylor University (1992), the M.A. in French from the Middlebury College School in France (1993), and the Ph.D. in Francophone Studies from the University of Illinois (1999). Zahnd teaches all levels of French literature and language as well as elementary Spanish. She is a coeditor of *The South Carolina Modern Language Review* and has published several articles pertaining to Francophone literature and Caribbean studies, along with an intermediate ESL textbook, "Let's Get Real." Zahnd is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, a PEO national scholar, the 2003 recipient of the Sampere-Ulloa Spanish scholarship and the 2005 recipient of the FMU Distinguished Faculty Award for community service. She lives in Florence with her husband Timothy Bergfeld, daughter Anastasia, and son Alexander.

Lauren Balutis crowned Ms. FMU 2012

Lauren Balutis of Florence was crowned Ms. FMU during the annual pageant at Francis Marion University.

Balutis is a junior and is majoring in early childhood education. She is president of the National Panhellenic Conference at FMU and has participated in various activities as a volunteer on- and off-campus.

As Ms. FMU, Balutis will represent the University at a variety of events, including Open House, Freshman Orientation and outreach events in local high schools.

First runner up was Rachel Rushing of Florence. She is a junior majoring in psychology. Abby Lee, a junior from Sardis, was named second runner up. Lee is majoring in early childhood education, an FMU Diplomat, and a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

The Ms. FMU Pageant began in 1971 and is held each year.



Ms. FMU 2011, Cari Ellen Hicks, crowns Ms. FMU 2012.

FMU receives \$75,000 from McLeod Health for Nursing Program

McLeod Health has once again partnered with Francis Marion University to support the University's nursing program. McLeod Regional Medical Center's Chief Nursing Officer Leanne Huminski and staff members were on hand June 7, to present a \$75,000 gift to FMU.

"We want to thank McLeod Health for the continuing support to our nursing program," said FMU President Dr. Fred Carter. "This generous gift will enhance the financial support that we can provide to students who are desirous of pursuing careers in nursing."

This donation by McLeod Health reflects continued financial support of the nursing program at FMU. This is one of many times that McLeod has provided this level of support directly to the nursing program at FMU, in addition to McLeod's previous contributions to nursing education through the Medical University of South Carolina satellite nursing program at FMU for six years.

MUSC began operating a satellite-nursing program at FMU in 1982. Carter and MUSC President Raymond S. Greenberg agreed in 2004 to transfer control of the program to FMU.

Bricks and mortar came with the \$5.5 million donation made by the Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation of Florence toward the Dr. Frank B. Lee Nursing Building, a \$7.6 million, 30,000-plus square foot building to house FMU's stand-alone baccalaureate nursing program. Located just north of the campus pond and adjacent to the McNair Science Building, the two-story building



Leanne Huminski, second from left, and McLeod staff members award Dr. Ruth Wittmann-Price and Dr. Fred Carter with donation for the Nursing Program.

contains all classrooms, patient care labs and support spaces needed for an expanded nursing program at FMU.

Enrollment in the program has doubled since its inception. That increase is a direct result of the quality of the program.

"This gift recognizes the University and its nursing program for their commitment to the development of outstanding health care professionals for the Pee Dee Region," stated Leanne Huminski, chief nursing officer for McLeod.

Additionally, McLeod serves as a learning site for more than 100 nurses a year who are FMU students in local nursing programs.

FMU Project earns CHE Service Learning Award

The Service Learning: Tutoring and Mentoring in Literacy Instruction Project at Francis Marion University was selected to receive a Service Learning Award by the S.C. Commission on Higher Education (CHE).

The Service Learning Awards presented by CHE honor programs that extend the reach of the university into the wider community. Criteria included community impact, number of students who participate, and integration into academics. The Service Learning: Tutoring and Mentoring in Literacy Instruction Project director is Dr. Kathryn "Polly" Haselden, who is also an assistant professor in FMU's School of Education.

The project is designed to train pre-service teacher candidates enrolled in EDUC 312 (Teaching and Assessing Reading) to mentor and tutor students at the Title 1 school, Latta Early Childhood Center (LECC). Tutoring and mentoring are given to a select group of students who are repeating a grade and/or have below average scores on Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing in reading and/or writing. In return, teachers are able to provide mentoring services and guidance to the FMU teacher candidates, as they work to

deliver appropriate literacy instruction in their respective classrooms.

To further validate the program's benefit and that of others like it, in 2001, the Commission on Higher Education undertook an initiative to publicize on a statewide scale the service learning and volunteerism efforts of the public colleges and universities in South Carolina. To this end, the Commission began holding an annual competition on service learning among the public and private institutions in the state with the stated outcome of recognizing in a public fashion those projects that best represent the integration of student learning with community service.

Dr. Kathryn Haselden is a native of Latta and has been an assistant professor in the School of Education since 2007. Previously, she spent nine years as a public school teacher in North and South Carolina and three years in higher education at James Madison University and the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. She graduated from Converse College with a B.A. and from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte with both her M.Ed. and Ph.D. Her professional interests are literacy instruction, learning disabilities, and action research. She has published and presented nationally in all areas.



Haselden

FMU School of Education presents alumni awards



From left, Benjamin Daniel, Victoria Renee Williams-Cooper and Robert Smiley at the awards ceremony

Three Francis Marion University School of Education alumni received 2012 awards at a reception held as part of Homecoming activities.

Benjamin R. Daniel ('10) received the Novice Educator Award, Victoria Renee Williams-Cooper ('11) received the Veteran Educator Award and Robert R. Smiley ('78, '90) received the Administrator Award.

The Novice Educator Award recognizes a successful FMU graduate who demonstrates leadership in education and has been an educator at the early childhood, elementary, middle, or high school level for one to three years. In addition, the candidate must convey a strong sense of pride and loyalty for his/her alma mater, demonstrate success in his/her educational endeavors and serve his/her community through active involvement in civic and/or charitable and service organizations.

The criteria for the Veteran Educator Award and the Administrator Award are the same as outlined for the Novice Award but he/she must be an educator or administrator at the early childhood, elementary, middle, or high school

level with four or more years' experience.

Daniel graduated from FMU in 2010 with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. He is employed with Greenwood Elementary School as a sixth grade math and writing teacher.

Williams-Cooper is a 2011 graduate of FMU with a master's degree in instructional accommodations in education. She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of South Carolina, 30 hours of which were earned at FMU. Williams-Cooper is a seventh grade social studies teacher at Darlington Middle School and was named district teacher of the year in 2011.

Smiley, with nearly 11 years of employment with Florence School District 5, was named superintendent on Jan. 1, 2012. Smiley received a Bachelor of Science, a Master of Education and a Specialist Certificate in elementary education from FMU. While attending USC, he received a Master of Education and an Education Specialist degree in administration.

He began his educational career as a teacher in 1978 teaching biology and chemistry at Carolina Academy in Lake City. One year later, he began teaching at Hannah-Pamplico Middle School where he taught science and gifted and talented. Smiley remained at Florence 2, based in Pamplico, for 11 years while serving in the district office as staff development coordinator for three years. In 1993, he transferred to Florence School District 4 in Timmonsville to serve as assistant superintendent.

Jackson named Outstanding Business Alumnus



Dr. Jackson (right) and spouse

Dr. Katherine Jackson received Francis Marion University's Morgan B. Coker School of Business Outstanding Alumnus Award for 2012.

Jackson is the associate dean of the School of Business at Truman State University. Prior to her arrival in Kirksville, she was associate dean at the School of Management at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Before moving to New York, Jackson was the assistant dean at the School of Business at Indiana University (South Bend) where she had also served as director of Graduate Business Programs. Prior to her taking on administrative roles, she proudly served for nearly 15 years as a full-time faculty member at Indiana University (South Bend). Jackson received her bachelor's

in business administration from FMU and her Ph.D. in finance from the University of South Carolina.

Jackson is the author of numerous articles as well as a finance textbook that incorporates collaborative learning techniques. She has given numerous presentations about how to use collaborative learning in business education. She has also given workshops on financial analysis to non-financial executives at several major midwest corporations. She was previously a member of the board of directors of the Economics Club of Michiana and the Financial Executives' Institute. Her research interests include index investing and exchange traded funds.

New alumni awards criteria

Effective Fall 2012, new criteria will be followed when selecting recipients of the FMU Alumni Awards. No fewer than four alumni will receive awards annually. The awards will not only include the annual Outstanding Alumnus Award but will now consist of accolades for those who have attained exceptional achievements or gained prominence in his/her profession. These individuals have made demonstrable contributions to their profession, discipline or community on practical or theoretical levels. The accomplishments of these alumni will be honored annually during the FMU Alumni Awards Event held in February, with honorees selected from three of the five distinct fields on even-numbered years and two of the five on odd-numbered years.

'Even Year' Awards

- 1. Outstanding Alumnus Award:** This award recognizes a successful FMU graduate who demonstrates leadership at FMU and beyond and meets the following criteria:
 - A baccalaureate graduate and/or master's degree recipient of Francis Marion College or FMU.
 - Conveys a strong sense of pride and loyalty for his/her alma mater.
 - Demonstrates success in his/her business or professional field.
 - Serves his/her community through active involvement in civic and/or charitable organizations.
- 2. Business and Industry:** Honorees for this award include alumni who serve in any capacity of business or industry, including fields such as information technology, finance, manufacturing, retail, marketing, management or distribution.
- 3. Medical and Health Sciences:** Honorees for this award include alumni who serve as practitioners or professionals in the medical and health sciences, including health care providers, nurses, technicians, clinical support professionals, and health care administrators.
- 4. Natural and Behavioral Sciences:** Honorees for this award include alumni who serve as practitioners or researchers in the natural or behavioral sciences, including fields such as research and development, ecological and environmental sciences, social and behavioral sciences and applied natural science.

'Odd Year' Awards

- 1. Outstanding Alumnus Award:** This award carries the same criteria as listed above.
- 2. Public Service and Law:** Honorees for this award include alumni who serve in any form of public or legal service, including attorneys, members of the judiciary, civil servants, elected officials, nonprofit administrators and community activists.
- 3. Education and the Arts:** Honorees for this award include alumni who serve in the field of education, including early childhood education professionals, K-12 teachers and administrators, adult education providers, higher education faculty and professionals, researchers, education proponents, performing artists, and visual and literal artists.
- 4. Benjamin Wall Ingram III Young Alumnus Award:** Established to recognize the career achievements and community service of an alumnus who graduated from FMU within the past ten (10) years. The award is named after the late Benjamin Wall "Chip" Ingram III, a 1976 graduate who served as Alumni Association president from 1990 to 1992. The award winner must meet the same requirements as for the Outstanding Alumnus Award.

The **Alumni Volunteer of the Year Award** is not an annual award and will be conferred on an as needed basis to a graduate who actively assists in the continued development of the University and the Alumni Association through volunteer programs or projects.

Nominations must be submitted by October 1 of the previous year. A committee appointed by FMU President Dr. Fred Carter will select recipients of the awards by December 31. Selection committee members are: two executive officers of the Alumni Association, FMU Director of Communications Angela Crosland and FMU Alumni Director Julian Young.

FMU presents alumni awards

Francis Marion University presented its 2011-2012 alumni awards at an Alumni Appreciation Dinner recently.



Bausmith

The Outstanding Alumnus is John S. Nichols ('78) of Columbia; the Benjamin Wall Ingram III Young Alumnus is Dr. Toby L. Nelson ('01) of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and the Alumni Volunteer of the Year is Dr. Shirley C. Bausmith ('91) of Florence.



Nelson

"We are proud of these three alumni and are delighted to celebrate their accomplishments on this occasion," said FMU President Fred Carter. "They are exemplary representatives of our University in every respect."



Nichols

Nichols received a B.S. degree in Mathematics from Francis Marion College in 1978, and a J.D. degree in 1985 from the University of South Carolina School of Law. In 2000, John and his partner, Marti Miles Bluestein, formed Bluestein & Nichols LLC, which is now known as Bluestein, Nichols, Thompson & Delgado, LLC.

Nelson obtained his B.S. in Chemistry from FMU in 2001. After graduation, he joined IRIX Pharmaceuticals as a chemist. He then worked with John J. Lavigne on conducting plastic assemblies for biogenic amine detection as it relates to food spoilage at the University of South Carolina, and was awarded his Ph.D. in 2007.

Nelson joined the Oklahoma State University chemistry faculty in September 2011 where he designs and synthesizes conducting plastics for sustainable energy.

Bausmith received her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Francis Marion College in 1991. She graduated summa cum laude (4.0) and with College Honors. She received her Master of Education in 1994 from FMU and her Doctor of Philosophy from the University of South Carolina in Special Education in 2000. While pursuing her doctorate, she taught students with learning disabilities at West Florence High School, where she served as the special education department chair and received West Florence High School's 1998 Teacher of the Year Award.



From left; Dr. John Hester, Dr. Matthew Nelson, Dr. Fred Carter, Dr. Chris Johnson and Dr. Farrah Hughes.

Four professors recognized for teaching, research, service, and governance

Four Francis Marion University faculty members were honored for outstanding individual work during the past year at a faculty recognition banquet.

Associate Professor of Psychology and Coordinator of the Master of Science Program in Applied Psychology Dr. Farrah Moore Hughes of Florence was given the Award of Excellence in Teaching; Chair of the Department of English, Modern Languages, and Philosophy, and Professor of English Dr. Christopher Dyer Johnson of Florence was presented the Award for Excellence in Research; Associate Professor in the Department of English, Modern Languages, and Philosophy, and Codirector of the Swamp Fox Writing Project Dr. Matthew C. Nelson of Florence received the Award for Excellence in Service; and Director of the Terry and Gail Richardson Center for the Child and Chair of the Department of Psychology Dr. John R. Hester was presented the Shared Governance Award.

Hughes received the B.A. in Psychology with honors from Wake Forest University in her home state of North Carolina. She went on to receive the M.A. in Psychology and Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Tennessee. Hughes attended Alpert Medical School of Brown University in Rhode Island for her one-year residency.

In 2005, Hughes joined FMU as a clinical psychologist in the office of counseling and testing. From 2005 -2011, Hughes was assistant professor of psychology and coordinator of the master of science program in applied psychology at FMU. During her tenure, Hughes has taught a wide range of graduate and undergraduate courses, including Human Sexuality, Behavioral Medicine/Health Psychology, Child Behavior: Growth and Development and Marital and Family Therapy.

Johnson received the B.A. in English from Villanova University and the M.A. and Ph.D. in English from the University of Delaware. Johnson joined the FMU faculty in 1996 as the chair of English, Modern Languages and Philosophy. Previously, he worked at Missouri Valley College as the dean of arts and humanities.

Johnson's research interests are principally in the area of eighteenth-century fiction. *New Contexts for Eighteenth-*

Century British Fiction, "Hearts Resolved and Hands": Essays in Honor of Jerry C. Beasley and a critical edition of Sarah Fielding's "The Lives of Cleopatra and Octavia" for Bucknell University Press are among his most noted published work. He has also published a number of articles and conference papers on various literary topics and composition pedagogy.

Nelson came to FMU in 2004 from the Joint Program in English and Education at the University of Michigan. He received the B.A. and M.A. degrees in English from Texas A&M University. He received the Ph.D. in English and Education from the University of Michigan.

In his position as director of the Swamp Fox Writing Project, Nelson supports teachers in the Pee Dee region and assists students become stronger, confident, and skillful writers. A division of the National Writing Project, the Swamp Fox Writing Project, offers a variety of professional development programs for teachers, both at FMU and in local school districts.

Director of the Terry and Gail Richardson Center for the Child and Chair of the Department of Psychology Dr. John R. Hester was presented the Shared Governance Award, sponsored by the FMU Chapter of the American Association of University Professors. This award is given to a faculty member who demonstrates commitment to the principles of shared governance between the faculty, administration and the Board of Trustees.

A native of Greenville, Hester earned the B.A. degree in psychology from Clemson University and the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in School Psychology from the University of South Carolina. He is a nationally certified school psychologist and has worked in private practice, consulting with individual clients and area school districts, for more than 20 years.

Since joining the FMU faculty in 1980, Hester has served on a number of committees including the University Accreditation, Academic Affairs, Graduate Advisory, Budget Advisory, University General Education Oversight, and the Center of Excellence Advisory, to name a few.

FMU partners with UNC Wilmington to open biological research station in Ecuador

What began as biodiversity training and research for faculty and students of Francis Marion University and the University of North Carolina (Wilmington) two years ago has resulted in the construction of a new biological station at Wildsumaco Wildlife Sanctuary, on the east slope of the Andes in Ecuador.

The 12,560 foot Sumaco Volcano, the last major mountain before reaching the Amazon basin, makes the nearly 5,000 foot sanctuary home to one of the world's highest levels of biodiversity.

From visits in December 2008 and 2009 by FMU and UNCW students were birthed several scientific papers and presentations. As a result of the studies, the Wildsumaco Biological Station is underway. It entails the construction of a parking area and clearing of the site. Funding for the project was provided by FMU and UNCW.

Wildsumaco Biological Station is operated as a partnership with Wildsumaco Wildlife Sanctuary. FMU serves as the lead academic institution, and is collaborating with

UNCW in developing scientific and educational programs for the station.

Travis Knowles is director of the station and associate professor of biology at FMU. UNCW Professor Brian Arbogast, Ph.D. is the primary scientific adviser and assistant station director.

The biological station will be built using concrete block construction. It will initially consist of two buildings: a dormitory-style housing unit with bunk beds and shared bathrooms, with a capacity to house 18 people; and a combined kitchen, dining and lecture-laboratory building.



From left; Prof. Santiago Burneo, Dr. Stephen Meinhold, Dr. James G. Olson, Prof. Travis Knowles, Mr. Jonas Nilsson, Mrs. Bonnie Burgess Olson, Mr. Eddie Gunn and Dr. Peter King at the Wildsumaco Biological Station ribbon cutting

"This is an unprecedented opportunity for students and faculty members to engage in firsthand educational and scientific research at the hottest of hotspots for biodiversity in the world," Knowles said. "The potential for scientific study, including biodiversity inventories, new species discovery, and rainforest ecology is simply phenomenal."

In fact, the station site is close to Sumaco-Napo Galeras National Park and sits within the larger Tropical Andes region, which is described by Conservation International as "the richest and most diverse region on Earth."

Recent research by faculty and students from FMU and UNCW has revealed that the area may be home to the highest density of margays, small, spotted jungle cats, ever documented. Knowles said future work will focus on population dynamics and ecological characteristics of margays, about which very little is known.

FMU students participating in summer field experiences at the station will have the opportunity to work alongside professional scientists, and gain firsthand experience studying tropical ecology and biodiversity. They will also have the opportunity to meet local citizens from Ecuador, including native Quechua language speakers, offering a rich cultural experience to complement the science.

The Wildsumaco Sanctuary was started by Jim and Bonnie Olson and Jonas Nilsson, who has lived in Ecuador for nearly 20 years. Associated with the sanctuary are the Wildsumaco Lodge, which caters to bird watchers, and the Rio Pucuno Foundation.

The sanctuary was established to support birding ecotourism and forest conservation in the eastern Andean foothills of Ecuador. These mid-elevation forests in the Andes have had very little scientific exploration or research, compared to low elevation rainforest sites, Knowles said.



Photo of rare margay



Johnson at May Commencement

Johnson named FMU's Distinguished Professor

Christopher Dyer Johnson of Florence has been selected the J. Lorin Mason Distinguished Professor for the 2011-12 year at Francis Marion University.

Announced at a banquet in April, this award has been given since the 1975-76 school year and is based upon a faculty member's contributions to teaching, professional service and scholarly activities.

The award, named in honor of a former chairman of the FMU Board of Trustees, is the highest honor to be bestowed upon a faculty member. The award carries a cash prize. As a result of his selection, Johnson will be the FMU nominee for the Governor's Professor of the Year Award competition next fall.

"As one of FMU's most prolific professors, Chris is widely recognized as an extraordinary teacher and researcher," said FMU President Fred Carter. "For the past 16 years, his students have held

him in high regard as a caring and compassionate teacher and advisor, and his colleagues have respected his scholarship and leadership. He is richly deserving of this recognition."

Johnson received the B.A. in English from Villanova University and the M.A. and Ph.D. in English from the University of Delaware. Johnson joined the FMU faculty in 1996 as the chair of English, Modern Languages and Philosophy. Previously, he worked at Missouri Valley College as the dean of arts and humanities.

Johnson's research interests are principally in the area of eighteenth-century fiction. New Contexts for Eighteenth-Century British Fiction, "Hearts Resolved and Hands": Essays in Honor of Jerry C. Beasley and a critical edition of Sarah Fielding's "The Lives of Cleopatra and Octavia" are among his most noted published work. He has also published a number of articles and conference papers on various literary topics and composition pedagogy.

During his tenure, Johnson has taught a wide range of courses, including English Composition, British Literature Before 1785, Shakespeare, and English Neoclassicism. In addition, his professional affiliations include his service as a member of the S.C. State Employee Grievance Committee, vice president of the Southeastern American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies and President of the S.C. Association of Departments of English, to name a few.

In 2011, Johnson was presented the Shared Governance Award, sponsored by the FMU Chapter of the American Association of University Professors. This award is given to a faculty member who demonstrates commitment to the principles of shared governance between the faculty, administration and the Board of Trustees.



Zhang receives Leavey Award

Francis Marion University's Manager of the Kelley Small Business Institute in the Center for Entrepreneurship Brianna Zhang is the recipient of the 2012 Leavey Award for Excellence in Private Enterprise Education. The award recognizes educators for their innovative efforts to promote the function and benefits of America's private enterprise system.

Zhang was selected for a program she developed in Marion County last year to teach entrepreneurial skills to unemployed adults. The 14 participants met three days a week for four weeks and each developed a micro-business. Many of the 11 who graduated from the program have now started their own business. The program partnered with YEScarolina in Charleston and was sponsored by Waste Management.

Zhang attended the 35th Annual Leavey Awards Summit held along with the other 11 award winners. FMU was one of the two universities recognized. There were approximately 80 nominations for the award this year.

"It is truly an honor to receive the recognition from the Freedoms Foundation," Zhang said. "The Leavey Award validates the mission of the Center for Entrepreneurship and showcases the passion we have to develop entrepreneurship in our region."

Established in 1977 by the Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Foundation, the Leavey Award honors outstanding elementary, junior high, high school, and college teachers who inspire students to gain a better understanding and appreciation of the free enterprise system. For 35 years, the Leavey Foundation has recognized nearly 600 teachers and awarded more than \$3.5 million to those teachers.

Autrey delivers sixth annual Moran Address

Recently retired Francis Marion University Professor of English Dr. Kenneth M. Autrey delivered the sixth-annual William C. Moran address at FMU.

Autrey's address was titled "Poetry as Teaching/Teaching as Poetry: An Amateur's Perspective."

He retired from FMU in 2011 as the J. Lorin Mason Distinguished Professor.

Autrey was born in Wilkes Barre, Pa., but was reared in Auburn, Ala. His mother was a homemaker while his father was a college professor in Auburn University's School of Agriculture. Autrey's father also led faculty governance initiatives serving as president of the faculty senate at Auburn University.

After graduating high school, Autrey attended Davidson College where he earned the B.A. degree in English in 1967. It was then that he served for two years as a Peace Corps English teacher in Ghana, West Africa. Subsequently, he taught in upstate New York middle and junior high schools.

Autrey joined the FMU faculty in 1989. Prior to coming to FMU, he taught at the University of South Carolina and Tougaloo College. In 1996-97, he was a visiting professor at Hiroshima University in Japan while on leave from FMU.

He earned the M.A. degree in English from Auburn University in 1973 and the Ph.D. degree in English from the University of South Carolina in 1986.



Dr. Autrey delivers Moran Address.

He is the former chair of the FMU faculty and taught courses in composition, poetry writing and literary nonfiction. He has published articles and chapters on the teaching of writing and on contemporary poets. His poetry has appeared in many magazines and anthologies.

In 2007, he received the Charlene Wages Shared Governance Award and, in 2010, the Distinguished Professor Award. The University granted him an honorary doctorate in 2008. He is a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Omicron Delta Kappa honor societies, as well as Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society.

Autrey and his wife, the former Janne Weir Debes, have two daughters: Tess Autrey Boshier of Richmond, Va., and Nell Autrey Driggers of Ocean Springs, Miss. Autrey has six grandchildren.

Following his retirement, he and his wife moved to Auburn, Ala., his hometown.

Dr. Ruth, nurse and author

Ruth A. Wittmann-Price, professor and chair of the Department of Nursing, has been an obstetrical/women's health nurse for 33 years. She received her A.A.S. and B.S.N. degree from Felician College in Lodi, N.J. (1978, 1981) and her M.S. as a perinatal CNS from Columbia University (NYC 1983). Ruth completed her Doctorate in Nursing Science (Ph.D.) at Widener University, Chester (2006) and was awarded the Dean's Award for Excellence. She

Wittmann-Price

developed a mid-range nursing theory "Emancipated Decision-making in Women's Health Care," has tested her theory in three

research studies, and published the results in nursing research journals. Ruth is an avid publisher and her latest book is "Fast Facts for Developing a Nursing Academic Portfolio: What You Really Need to Know in a Nutshell" by Springer Publishing, NYC. She is the coeditor and chapter contributor of two books, "Nursing Education: Foundations for Practice Excellence" (2007) Philadelphia: F. A. Davis (AJN Book of the Year Award winner 2008) and "The Certified Nurse Examination (CNE) Review Manual" (2009), Springer Publishing, NYC. Her most recent two books were "NCLEX-RN EXCEL Test Success through Unfolding Case Study Review" with Brenda Reap Thompson and "Maternal-Child Nursing Test Success: An Unfolding Case study Review" (2011) with Fran Cornelius both by Springer Publishing.

Development News



FMU hosts inaugural Rachel Hodges Leadership Institute

The American Red Cross partnered with Francis Marion University and the Konduros Fishermen Fund to present the inaugural Rachel Hodges Leadership Institute. A news conference was held at Francis Marion University in February to announce this exciting initiative to the community.

The Rachel Hodges Leadership Institute is designed to ensure that Red Cross staff and volunteers have the opportunity to develop and become more prepared to respond to small and large scale disasters down the street, across the country and around the world. In total, over 300 Red Cross volunteers and staff were trained at the Institute.

This six-day Institute was broken into three tracks including, Executive Leadership, Development and Disaster Services. Attendees received advanced training in the following four core areas:

- Disaster Readiness - planning and response to major disasters
- Chief Executive Officer Training - responding to community needs during times of disaster
- Disaster Fund Raising
- Public Affairs

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies nearly half of the nation's blood; teaches lifesaving skills; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a charitable organization - not a government agency - and depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission.

Twenty-six graduate from the Rural Leadership Institute

Twenty-six South Carolina residents recently participated in the Rural Area Leadership Initiative (RLI) at Francis Marion University.

The RLI at FMU included 40 hours of leadership training delivered in one-day sessions over several months. The curriculum includes two phases with six sessions each; Phase One concentrates on individual skill development and Phase Two concentrates on leadership and program development for community based organizations.

Hailing from seven counties, participants were drawn from the private sector and non-profit organizations. The recruitment process identified a diverse cohort to best represent their community and region.

The curriculum of RLI emphasizes organizational management, budgeting and finance, problem solving, intergovernmental relations and other topics specifically tailored



Graduating class of RLI

to the needs of rural communities. A distinguished faculty includes a diverse representation of scholars and renowned practitioners from higher education institutions, the private sector and nonprofit organizations from throughout the nation.

NPLI graduates tenth class



Gov. Hodges at NPLI session

Thirty-one South Carolina residents participated in commencement exercises for the tenth class of the Non-Profit Leadership Institute at Francis Marion University, recently.

Institute participants were each presented with a certificate. The institute is a seven-month training program for leaders of non-profits. Topics included leadership; program development and delivery; human resource development, including board

members and volunteers; effective financial resource development and management; programmatic and organizational issues related to data collection and reporting; visibility, including managing external relations; and case studies.

Funded initially with multi-year grants from the Drs. Bruce & Lee Foundation, the institute now receives major support from FMU, along with a grant from the PSARAS Foundation. Fred Sheheen, former commissioner and executive director of the S.C. Commission on Higher Education, is director of the FMU Non-Profit Leadership Institute. The class will be conducted again during the 2012-2013 academic year.

For additional information, contact Elizabeth C. Jones, Non-Profit Leadership Institute liaison, at 843-661-1199 or visit the NPLI website at www.fmunonprofit.org.

FMU NPLI and SCANPO Award for Excellence in Nonprofit Leadership



Meggs

Cecilia Meggs, executive director of Lighthouse Ministries, is the 2012 recipient of the Francis Marion University's Non-Profit Leadership Institute (FMU NPLI) and S.C. Association of Nonprofit Organization's (SCANPO) Award for Excellence in Nonprofit Leadership.

The purpose of the award is to recognize a graduate of FMU's NPLI or a member of the SCANPO who has excelled in the management of their organization through organizational and resource development. This award is sponsored by FMU's NPLI.

With this award, Meggs received registration for the award recipient at SCANPO's Annual Nonprofit Conference, recognition through FMU's NPLI website and newsletter(s), state-wide recognition through SCANPO communications with nonprofit, business and foundation sectors and local recognition through the organization's newspaper media outlets. Additionally, the recipient's name will be listed on SCANPO's Excellence in Nonprofit Leadership plaque displayed at the SCANPO office in Columbia.

The recipient will also receive a \$500 cash award by FMU.



Jean Leatherman speaks at press conference

Nurse honored with endowed scholarship

Francis Marion University announced the establishment of a new endowed scholarship for nursing majors. The Lori Marie Pruett Nursing Scholarship, honoring the nurse who was tragically killed in an automobile accident on April 5, 2012, will provide funds for students to further their studies in nursing. Florence community leaders established the scholarship to honor the memory of the 36 year-old Pruett who was a registered nurse at Carolinas Hospital System.

On behalf of the Florence community, Jean Leatherman presented a check to President Fred Carter. Carter presented Pruett's husband Daniel with a rendering of the plaque that will hang in the FMU Lee Nursing Building honoring the nurse. Daniel Pruett is a supply chain manager at OTIS Elevator.

The scholarship will be awarded to students who are admitted into the Nursing Program, have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and demonstrate financial need.

There is and has always been strong community support for a baccalaureate nursing program at FMU. Because of the support and need, the FMU Board of Trustees formally established the Department of Nursing on May 28, 2004. In June 2004, FMU and the Medical University of South Carolina signed a Memorandum of Understanding, which provided the guidelines and time frames for the transfer of the satellite Bachelor of Science (Generic BSN and RN-BSN) program offered on the FMU campus. Subsequently, FMU received approval from the S.C. Board of Nursing (March 17, 2005) and the S.C. Commission on Higher Education (May 5, 2005) to assume administrative direction.

FMU's Department of Nursing offers a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. There are two BSN tracks; one for the pre-licensure student and the other for the Registered Nurse (RN) who would like to complete their BSN. The program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). Graduates of the program are prepared to enter a number of career paths, as well as graduate study. Beginning next year, the University will offer new programs aimed to increase health care availability, including a family nurse practitioner program and a bachelor's in pharmaceutical studies.

Athletic News

FMU Holds 42nd Annual Athletic Banquet



From left, Hallie Legg, Danielle Parker, Alex Caspari, Tereza Baranova, Samantha Smith, Ryan Woloszyn

Francis Marion University recently held its 42nd annual athletic banquet in the University's Edward S. Ervin III Dining Hall. Most Valuable Player awards were given in 14 sports. An outstanding cheerleader award and a student-athlete award were also presented.

- Gail Summersett Outlaw Outstanding Cheerleader – Abby Lee (Florence, S.C.)
- Men's Cross Country Most Valuable Player – Ryan Woloszyn (Taylors, S.C.)
- Carolyn Bishop Frate Most Valuable Player for women's cross country – Whitney Wagner (Cullowhee, N.C.)
- Clifford Cormell Jr. Most Valuable Player for men's golf – Sebastian Backlund (Bollebygd, Sweden)
- Joe and Elease Webb Most Valuable Player for men's soccer – Cameron Mabee (Mississauga, Ontario, Canada)
- Most Valuable Player for women's soccer – Lauren Vetock (Pasadena, Md.)
- Ashley Lynn Most Valuable Player Award for women's softball – Tristan Faile (Lancaster, S.C.)
- Lorin Mason Most Valuable Player for men's tennis – Alex Caspari (Hurth, Germany)
- Gladys Hite Most Valuable Player for women's tennis – Tereza Baranova (Frýdlant nad Ostravicí, Czech Republic)
- Jerry and Jean Lee Track and Field Most Valuable Player for men's track and field – Ian Wallace (Fort Mill, S.C.)
- Most Valuable Player for women's track and field – Samantha Smith (Lexington, S.C.)
- Joseph B. Durant Most Valuable Player for women's volleyball – Hallie Legg (North Canton, Ohio)
- Conyers O'Bryan Most Valuable Player for baseball – Brock McCallister (Laurel, Md.)
- Howard Stokes Most Valuable Player for men's basketball – Evrik Gary (Camden, S.C.)
- Carroll Player Jr. Most Valuable Player for women's basketball – T.T. Belcher (Raleigh, N.C.)
- Debra Lee Orander Swamp Fox Academic Award – Danielle Parker (Lockwood, Mo.)
- Two of the recipients were repeat honorees: Wagner (2011, 2012) and Backlund (2011, 2012).

Of the 10 FMU athletic teams that keep win-loss records, six registered winning records this past year, and three appeared in national poll rankings.



From left, Abby Lee, Cameron Mabee, Tristan Faile, Lauren Vetock, Whitney Wagner, Sebastian Backlund, Brock McCallister, Ian Wallace



Murray Hartzler presents former four-time women's basketball All-American Tracey Tillman Young with plaque. Young was inducted into the FMU Athletic Hall of Fame during Homecoming festivities this year.

Former FMU outfielder Buddy Sosnoskie signed a contract with the Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks of the American Association of Independent Baseball. The franchise is located in Fargo, N.D.



Sosnoskie

Former FMU women's soccer player Angela Salem signed a contract to play with the Western New York Flash of the Women's Professional Soccer League (WPSL) Elite League for the 2012 summer.

Sport Shorts

Baseball

Francis Marion ended the 2012 campaign with a 40-18 record, a national Top 10 ranking, and a fourth straight appearance in the NCAA Division



II Tournament – where the Patriots reached the regional title game for the third consecutive season. Three Patriots earned All-Peach Belt Conference honors – RHP Spencer Jordan (Florence, SC), OF Buddy Sosnoskie (Statesville, NC), and LHP Matt Broderick (Glendale, AZ) – while both Jordan and Sosnoskie picked up All-Region accolades. Sosnoskie also garnered PBC and Capital One All-District III academic team honors. The Patriots received the PBC's Team Sportsmanship Award for 2012.



Women's Tennis

FMU concluded its 2012 season with an 18-4 record, a Top 10 national ranking, and the program's sixth NCAA national tournament bid in the past seven seasons. The Patriots lost in the Southeast Regional title

match. Senior Jitka Gavdunova (Vejprty, Czech Republic) and junior Mona Blauen (Cologne, Germany) were both named to the All-PBC squad. Both were also picked to the PBC All-Academic Team, along with junior Kerry Hall (Durban, South Africa), while Blauen was selected to the Capital One Academic All-District III At-Large Team. Gavdunova finished her standout career with a sparkling 71-8 singles mark.

Men's Tennis

The Patriots ended their season with a 10-7 record, a Top 10 national ranking, and the program's 16th appearance in the NCAA tournament over the past 18 years. Junior Alex Caspari (Hurth, Germany) and freshman Gavin Davison (Bingley, England) were both placed on the All-Conference team, while junior Tim Ruepke (Bremen, Germany) earned PBC All-Academic Team awards. Six of the squad's seven losses were to nationally ranked opponents.



Golf

The Patriots concluded their 2011-12 season with a 98-92-4 mark, including seven Top 10 finishes in 11 events. FMU placed a season-best fourth at William & Mary's C&F Bank Intercollegiate. Junior Sebastian Backlund (Bollebygd, Sweden) earned medalist honors at the Philadelphia Big 5 Invitational Tournament in the fall and placed second at the William & Mary event. He led the squad with a 73.39 season stroke average.



Softball

Francis Marion finished 2012 with a 31-20 mark, the program's twelfth 30-win campaign in the past 15 seasons. Senior second baseman Ashley Jaramillo (Canyon Country, CA) and sophomore right-handed pitcher Taylor Luff (Bonneau, SC) both picked up All-PBC recognition, while a trio of Patriots were named to the PBC All-Academic Team: junior third baseman Tristan Faile (Lancaster, SC), junior catcher Olivia Ferguson (Roanoke, VA), and sophomore outfielder Sara Broderick (Sunrise, FL). Faile and Ferguson were also selected to the Capital One Academic All-District III Team.



Men's Basketball

The Patriots ended their 2011-12 campaign with a 16-12 overall mark and a 9-9 conference record. FMU has posted four straight winning seasons for the first time since 1989-1993, with five consecutive being the program record. Senior forward Liki Turner (Richmond, VA)



garnered All-Conference and All-Region honors after ending his career with 1,749 points and 928 rebounds. Senior 6-10 center Andrew Smith (South Milwaukee, WI) was named to the PBC All-Academic Team and the Capital One Academic All-District III Team.

Women's Basketball

The Patriots finished the year with a 9-17 record, missing the NCAA Tournament for the first time in five seasons. Junior guard Kristen Dickerson (Columbia, SC) was honored with PBC All-Academic Team recognition. Team Most Valuable Player T.T. Belcher (Raleigh, NC) averaged 8.5 ppg and led the team in rebounding at 9.0 boards per contest.

Class Notes

1970s

William W Coleman '71 was recognized for his dedication to FMU with the naming of Lake Coleman, located in the new Griffin Athletic Complex.

Willard Dorriety Jr. '73 announced his candidacy for Florence County Council District 9.

Dr. Patricia A. Lee '75 begins as president of Williamsburg Technical College July 2012.

Danny DuBose '76 has been named executive director of the Darlington Chamber of Commerce.

Elizabeth "Beth" Gould '76 retired from FMU in March 2012 as the Director of Human Resources.

Marion "Spyder" Webb '76 is retiring as the FMU athletic trainer after more than 35 years of service. In honor of his dedication, the Webb Plaza in the new Griffin Athletic Complex is named for him.

Dr. Rainey Knight '77 was presented with the Citizen of the Year Award from the Hartsville Rotary Club in January 2012.

Vicky T. Earle '78 was awarded Teacher of the Year at McBee High School and Chesterfield County District Teacher of the Year for 2011-12.

John S. Nichols '78 received the Outstanding Alumnus Award at the FMU Alumni Association Gala in January 2012.

Robert Smiley '78, '90 has been named Superintendent for Florence School District Five and received the Administrator Award presented at the School of Education's Alumni Awards Reception in February 2012.



Mourounas

1980s

James Blake '80 was the keynote speaker at Clinton Junior College's 2011 Convocation.

Tommy Mourounas '80 has been appointed to serve as the Magistrate Judge for Florence County.

Dr. Treadwell Campbell '81 received the John S. Boyce Award from the FMU Department of Biology, honoring distinguished alumni.

Kathy Heustess '81 has been named President and CEO of ArborOne Farm Credit.

Dr. Katherine Lee Jackson '82 received the Morgan B. Coker Outstanding Alumnus Award presented at the School of Business Leadership Breakfast in February 2012.

Cecilia Meggs '83 received the 2012 FMU NPLI/SCANPO Award for Excellence in Nonprofit Leadership in March 2012.

Curtis Hudson '84 was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame in January 2012, at the Florence Civic Center.

Dr. LeRoy Peterson '84 has been named an FMU Board of Trustees' Research Scholar for 2011.

Michael A. Blue '85 participated in a book signing at Rogers Library with his book "Building Credibility in Leadership: Principles for Secondary Leaders."

Dr. Vivian Gallman-DeRienzo '85 has been named vice president for enrollment management and student affairs at Thomas University in Thomasville, Ga.

Michael G. Hawkins '85 was recognized for his dedication to FMU with the naming of the Hawkins Press Box in the new Griffin Athletic Complex.

Cheryl Davids '88 began as Dean of Southwestern Community College's Macon Campus in N.C. after retiring as chief transfer officer and chair of the Mathematics Department at Central Carolina Technical College.

Brenda Arnette '89 was named 2012 Outstanding Counselor of the Year by the S.C. Counselor Association in Myrtle Beach.

Ashley Brady '89 serves as Chairman of the Board of the Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of S.C. (IIABSC) beginning in January 2012.

Dr. Phillip Fulmer '89 was featured in the November 2011 issue of The Patriot highlighting his career as a physics professor at FMU.

1990s

Chris Wells '90 was the speaker at the first annual Sports Banquet sponsored by Inman First Baptist Church Men's Prayer Breakfast.

Dr. Shirley Bausmith '91, '94 received the Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award at the FMU Alumni Association Gala in January 2012.

Dudley Harrington '91, '00 was named vice president of revenue cycle for WakeMed Health & Hospitals in Raleigh, N.C.

Yvonne Rhodes '91, '00 is the advisor of Wilson HS students who won the SC We The People competition.

Timothy J. Tergeoglou '91 was named advertising director of the Daily Freeman newspaper in Kingston, N.Y.

Lt. Col. Paul Argo '92 with the US Army, Medical Service Corps, serving as a Nuclear Medical Science Office, begins a three year assignment in Japan with his wife and three children.

Dr. Annie Brown '92, '95 is a recipient of the "Champ of the Year" award presented by the Florence Chamber of Commerce, S.C.

Tracy Freeman '92 has announced his bid for County Council for Edgefield County.

Timothy Brown '97 earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing at FMU December 2011. He is currently a sergeant with the FMU Campus Police.

Laura Coleman '92 earned a master's degree in education from FMU December 2011.

Rhonda Davis '92, '96 has been named the 2011-12 Teacher of the Year for Dillon School District Three.

Laveda Odum '92 has been inducted into the "Wall of Fame" at Estill High School.

Wayne Chapman '93 was re-elected to serve as a Darlington City Councilman in the November 2011 elections.

Anna Franks '94 has been elected to serve on the Board of Directors for the Florence County Disabilities Foundation.

Larry Price II '94 earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing at FMU December 2011.

Chris Hardy '95 accepted the position of President and CEO of the Albany GA Area Chamber of Commerce.

Timothy Smoak '95 received McLeod's 2012 Palmetto Gold award as a member of Behavioral Health in Darlington.



Kale O'Donnell

Sonya W. Graves '96, '00 was named principal of the Lucy T. Davis Elementary School.

Shannon Moore '96 received McLeod Regional Medical Center's 2012 Palmetto Gold award as a member of the Coronary Care Unit.

Samuel W. Tuten '96 begins as principal of Johnsonville High School at the end of this school year.

David Barnes '97 has been named director of rehabilitation services at McLeod Medical Center in Darlington.

Judy Byrd Bird '98 retired from the FMU Academic Computer Center in January 2012 as the Coordinator of the Help Desk.

Brian Denny '98 received the 2011-12 Professional Psychology Award from the FMU Department of Psychology.

Christina Lawson '98 was selected as a 2011-12 T.W.I.N. (Tribute to Women of Influence) Honoree.

Brett Owens '98 and Sarah Anne Will were married February 2012, in Greer, S.C.

Danny L. Poston '98 is the new co-owner of the Hartsville Drug Company.

Kristy Clark '99 recently joined the David M. Gilston Insurance Agency in Charleston as an agency sales representative.

Mary Dittman '99 has been selected as the Delta Sigma Pi Chapter Advisor of the Year in the Southeast Region and Southern Province.

Jamont McRae '99 has been named managing partner for Modern Woodmen of America in Dillon, S.C.

2000s

Kathy Jenkins '00 received McLeod Regional Medical Center's 2012 Palmetto Gold award as a member of the Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit.

Alison A. Moore '00 accepted a faculty position in the mathematics department at Central Virginia Community College.

Beverly Royall '00, earned a master's degree in education from FMU December 2011.

Brandon Crouch '01, '04 earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from FMU December 2011.

Dr. Toby L. Nelson '01 received the Benjamin Wall Ingram III Young Alumnus Award at the FMU Alumni Association Gala January 2012.

Lt. John O'Donnell '02, '05 married Sydney Kale '04 December 2011, in Effingham, S.C.

Roger Polsky '02 earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing at FMU December 2011.

Patricia Taylor '03 received McLeod Regional Medical Center's 2012 Palmetto Gold award as a member of the Trauma Surgical Care Unit.

Stephanie Weatherford '03 has been named the 2011-12 Teacher of the Year for Latta Middle School.



Welch



Parks

Amy Whicker '03 joined ECPI University's faculty in computer information systems.

Brianna Zhang '03, '07 received the 2012 Leavey Award for Excellence in Private Enterprise Education for the Marion County Entrepreneurship program she developed.

Jonathan Evans '04 married Anne Robinson October 2011, in New Zion, S.C.

Philip Howell '04 earned a master's degree in business administration from FMU December 2011.

Sydney Kale '04 married **Lt. John O'Donnell '02, '05** December 2011, in Effingham, S.C.

Margaret Lane '04 was selected as a 2011-12 T.W.I.N. (Tribute to Women of Influence) Honoree.

Priscilla Ouzts '05 married Robert McNair, III November 2011, in Florence.

Thomas Welch '05 and his wife announce the birth of their daughter Lydia Kathleen on April 11.

Winter Grier '06 married Clayton Powell September 2011, in Kingstree, S.C.

Terri Penneman '06 was appointed marketing manager of Mario Carey Realty.

Dr. Virginia Williams '06 married Justin Webb September 2011, in Charleston.

Taylor Buckley '07 married **Kristen Shuler '08** June 2011, in Holly Hill, S.C.

Victoria Gray '07 earned a master's degree in education from FMU December 2011.

Tiffany Hendrick '07 earned a master's degree in education from FMU December 2011.

Brooke Parks '07 married Taylor Poston in September 2011, in Florence.

Crystal R. Rodgers '07 was promoted to staff accountant in the tax and business consulting practice of Moore Beauston & Woodham LLP.

Amy McAllister-Skinner '07 won South Carolina's Teacher of the Year May 2012.

Corine Bakazan '08 earned a master's degree in science from FMU December 2011.

Kyle Brazell '08 was a guest performer at the Florence Men's Choral Society gala in November 2011.

Sarah Dixon '08 earned a master's degree in education from FMU December 2011.

Judge Levone Graves '08 announced his intention to run for the Marion County Probate Judge seat.

April Rouse '08 earned a master's degree in education from FMU December 2011.

Kristen Shuler '08 married **Taylor Buckley '07** June 2011, in Holly Hill, S.C.

Robert Charles '09 became the youngest and first minority Certified Public Accountant employed by WebsterRogers, LLP.

GINNA EVANS '09 earned a master's degree of arts in teaching from FMU December 2011.

Valeska Jessica Ibscher '09 earned a master's degree in business administration from FMU December 2011.

Arthenius Jackson '09 was featured in the Community Times "In the Spotlight" section and joins the Michelle's Angels Foundation as a new Angel Artist.

Matthew Keth '09 earned a master's degree in business administration from FMU December 2011.

Laura Langston '09 earned a master's degree of arts in teaching from FMU December 2011.

William Lawhon '09 married Brittany McKay October 2011, in Georgetown, S.C.

Douglas McColl '09 earned a master's degree of arts in teaching from FMU December 2011.

Ashley Miles '09 earned a master's degree in education from FMU December 2011.

Alison Moody '09 earned a master's degree in education from FMU December 2011.

Austin Oates '09 married Caren Kirven in August 2011, in Florence.

LaDonna B. Pipkins '09 began work as a college coordinator in FMU's Gear-up program.

Forrest Elliot Poston '09 and Lindsey Phillips Hamilton married March 2012, in Winnsboro, S.C.

Jessica Wall '09 earned a master's degree in business administration from FMU December 2011.

2010s

Benjamin R. Daniel '10 received the Novice Educator Award presented by the School of Education at its Alumni Awards Reception in February 2012.

Helen Marie Dew '10 married Krystopher Ross Bowcutt in December 2011, in Hartsville, S.C.

Andrew Golden '10 was featured in a September 2011 issue of The Patriot highlighting his career as a digital journalist for the Marion Star and Mullins Enterprise newspapers.

Kristin Reynolds '10 earned a master's degree in science from FMU December 2011.

Tonja Tart '10 and **Denny Seif '10** married November 2011, in Florence.

Mike Brank '11 was featured in The Patriot student newspaper for his work as a missionary for the FMU chapter of Baptist Collegiate Ministries.

Jason Christmas '11 joined Armstrong Wealth Management Group as a portfolio strategy assistant.

Amber E. Christy '11 joined FMU's Richardson Center for the Child as an administrative associate.

Jennifer D. Gaskins '11 joined FMU as accountant-student receivables.

Anthony Gloster Jr. '11 joined FMU's Purchasing Office.

Trenton Gravely '11 was commissioned in the US Army in December 2011.

William Hardaway '11 married Kristen Owen June 2011, in Florence.

Edward Hicks '11 joined Benefitfocus as a quality assurance analyst on Daniel Island, S.C.

Amanda Miller '11 married Justin Head in November 2011 in Florence.

Blake Owens '11 married Andrea McKenzie in September 2011, in Lake City.

Logan Trively '11 began as account executive with Clear Channel in Columbia in April 2012.

Meredith Welch '11 married Chad Powell in Hemingway, S.C., December 2011.

Victoria Renee Williams-Cooper '11 received the Veteran Educator Award presented by the School of Education at its Alumni Awards Reception in February 2012.

Adam Wilson Jr. '11 was commissioned in the US Army in December 2011.

DECEASED

Lenora C. McLeod McElveen '72
Vivian Ruth Munn Kilgallon '78

Donald Edward Myers '78, '81

Billy R. Jackson '80

June D. Rankin '88

Lanny R. Gregory '90

Frankie Barr Jones '90, '02

Walter J. Kubas '93, '98

Brenda H. Furr '97

Wedding Announcement? Birth Announcement? New Job?

Keep the Alumni Office updated so that we may include your latest news in the View magazine. Send us a note or an email and attach a photo, too. Join the online community at www.fmarion.edu/alumni and submit job opportunities, resumes, and find other alums. Fill out the online form at www.fmarion.edu/alumni/form8987.htm, email Julian Young, director of Alumni Affairs at jyoung@fmarion.edu or find us on Facebook at Francis Marion University Alumni Association.





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FMU celebrated Homecoming 2012



Francis Marion University celebrated Homecoming 2012 in February.

The events kicked off with a wine and cheese reception for School of Education alumni at the FMU Performing Arts Center (PAC) in downtown Florence.

As part of this year's Homecoming festivities, the School of Business held an alumni leadership breakfast at the PAC. At this event, business alums had an opportunity to network with colleagues old and new. On Friday night, festivities continued with the

Patriots on Fire Bonfire and Pep Rally on the lawn east of the University Center between the Rogers Library and soccer fields. An FMU Alumni Reception was held at Red Bone Alley Restaurant.

Saturday's festivities began at 10:30 a.m. with the alumni basketball



games in the Smith University Center gymnasium. A Homecoming parade through campus was scheduled for 11 a.m. PatriotFest began at 11:30 a.m. on the lawn in front of the Smith University Center featuring live music and entertainment. A basketball game between the Patriot Women and Flagler University began at 1:30 p.m. The Men's Basketball Game against Flagler followed at 3:30 p.m. A Hall of Fame induction was held following the games.

The FMU Athletic Department sponsored a silent auction in the Smith University Center. All proceeds from the auction support Patriot athletics. Also on Saturday, the Patriot Bookstore in the Smith University Center offered special Homecoming sales.

